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FOR: TOOL HANGER

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

All claims in this application are listed below, with the proper status identifier.

1. (amended) A tool hanger in combination with a hand-held tool, the tool hanger comprising:  
a horizontally oriented portion;  
a vertically oriented portion joined together with said horizontally oriented portion at first ends thereof at a bend; and  
two or more non-axially aligned apertures located at a second end of said horizontally oriented portion, wherein said apertures are so dimensioned and so spaced so as to permit secure connection to and combination with a hand-held tool in two or more distinct locations in an orientation such that the combination of hanger and tool can be suspended in a desired location in a stable configuration.
2. (original) The tool hanger set forth in claim 1, wherein one aperture is located in the center of said second end of said horizontally oriented portion.
3. (original) A tool hanger as described in claim 1 or 2, wherein any or all of said apertures are threaded.

4. (canceled)
5. (canceled)
6. (canceled)
7. (canceled)
8. (original) A tool hanger as set forth in claim 1, wherein said second end of said horizontally oriented portion becomes a substitute or replacement for part of the tool's housing.
9. (amended) A tool hanger in combination with a hand-held tool, the tool hanger comprising:
  - a horizontally oriented portion;
  - a vertically oriented portion joined together with said horizontally oriented portion at first ends thereof at a bend; and
  - one or more apertures located at [[the]] a second end of said horizontally oriented portion, wherein one or more of said apertures are non-circular so as to permit secure connection to and combination with a hand-held tool in an orientation such that the combination of hanger and tool can be suspended in a desired location in a stable configuration.
10. (canceled)
11. (canceled)
12. (canceled)
13. (canceled)
14. (original) A tool hanger set forth in claim 9, wherein said second end of said horizontally oriented portion becomes a substitute or replacement for part of the tool's housing.